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TO: Petitions Attorney

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## MESSAGE

Re: Petition in 09/428,794

Request For Reconsideration of Dismissal of Petition  
(without prejudice) Follows. The Request consists of  
3 pages : 2 pages of text + 1 page of Attachment

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## PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of Duffy, et al  
Attorney's Docket No. LEW 16,833-1  
Serial No. 09/498,794  
Filing Date: 02/01/2000  
For: "Self-Tuning Impact Damper for Rotating Blades"  
Group Art Unit: 3745

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**  
**OF DISMISSAL OF PETITION**  
**TO ACCEPT MISSING ITEM IN NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.182**

1. Petitioner, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, an agency of the federal government, respectfully requests that the Commissioner reconsider the dismissal of the petition in the captioned application, said dismissal being dated May 15, 2003, for the reasons stated herein.
2. Said petition sought to have the USPTO accept one page (page 7) of a specification in said application, which the petitioner contends was transmitted by Express Mail to the USPTO, but that said page 7 was apparently not received by the USPTO.
3. In his decision dismissing the petition without prejudice, Petitions Examiner Derek Woods states " ...Petitioner should submit a copy of the return receipt post card evincing receipt by the Office of page 7 of the specification."
4. Attached hereto as Attachment 1 and incorporated herein by reference, is a photocopy of the return receipt postcard which evidences USPTO receipt of the application as filed by Express mail on February 1, 2000.
5. The undersigned certifies that the Attachment 1 is a True Copy of the return receipt post card, and has not been altered in any way. The post card is stamped with a USPTO sticker. The post card lists the items sent, and specifically says "Application- 29 pages specification +12 sheets drawings".
6. In light of this new evidence, taken in conjunction with the Declaration of Kent N. Stone filed with the petition, which explains the circumstances surrounding the

packaging and mailing of the application, it is respectfully requested that the decision to dismiss the petition be reconsidered.

Respectfully,



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 National Aeronautics and Space Administration		<b>Patent Application Receipt</b>		jc712 U.S. PTO <b>09/498794</b>
NASA CASE NO.	LEW 16, 833-1			02/01/00
FILING DATE	2-1-2000			
APPLICATION SERIAL NO.	(TO BE ASSIGNED)			
APPLICANT	Duffy, et al			
TITLE	Self-Tuning Impact Damper For Rotating Bodies			
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Attachment 1